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## SEN. LANDRIEU SECURES COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE FUNDING Louisiana projects to receive \$6.65 million.

WASHINGTON – Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., announced today that \$6.65 million in funding for five Louisiana projects are included in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee this afternoon.

"The Louisiana projects included in this bill will greatly help our efforts to preserve our oceanic and coastal areas," said Sen. Landrieu. "With a football field of Americas Wetland eroding away every half hour, the conservation needs of Louisiana are great and I am pleased for the funding this bill provides for the efforts."

The \$48.6 billion Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill funds the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Justice, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other science related organizations.

"I will continue to fight for Louisiana's funding as we move the bill through conference," said Sen. Landrieu, who is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The Louisiana projects funded in the Senate Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill include:

- \$3,200,000 to SwiftShips Shipbuilders for MIDFOIL Research and Patrol Craft for Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary
- \$1,000,000 for Louisiana Long Term Estuary Assessment
- \$1,000,000 for Coastal Restoration and Enhancement through Science and Tech (CREST)
- \$1,000,000 for the University of New Orleans for the Louisiana and Mississippi Digital Coast Initative
- \$250,000 for Elmer's Island Conservation
- \$200,000 for Tchefuncte Marsh Conservation